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THE ARC DOWNRIVER PYRAMID



MUSIC BINGO





Join "Next Level Music Bingo" and The Arc Downriver for a night of music fun! We are fundraising for our athletes that have been chosen to go to the 2026 USA Games in Minnesota and our athletes that participate in our year round Sport Programs.

With your support our athletes can continue doing amazing things for years to come.

Cost: \$20 per person at the door *(Cash or Check)*

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte

When: Saturday, September 13

- Light refreshment will be served.
- The Knights of Columbus will have a cash bar available.
- Raffle Baskets will be available during the event.

Mission Statement

To advocate for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, have cognitive impairments and their families by promoting choices, creating opportunities, and providing support needed to *fully participate* in the community.

The Arc Downriver
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Some Wednesday the office will be open
2:00 - 5:00 pm See calendar or call the office.

Thursday: 10:00 - 2:00 pm

Friday: CLOSED

Please call before coming to the office to make sure that someone is at the office to assist you, thank you!!

The Arc Downriver Board of Directors

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Advocates:

Working to fulfill the mission in accordance with the Arc of the United States, advocating for individuals who are intellectual developmentally disabilities and/or cognitively impaired and their families by promoting choices, creating opportunities and providing support needed to fully participate in the community.

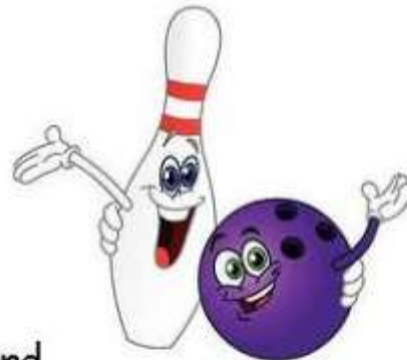
The Arc Downriver Bowling Fundraiser



Sunday, September 21, 2025
Bowling starts at 1:00 pm
(registration begins at 12:30 pm)
(Please pay at the door)

at
Indian Lanes
4500 13th Street, Wyandotte
734-283-4700

- The cost is \$20 per bowler
(CASH ONLY)
- Includes: 2 games of
bowling, shoes, hotdog,
chips and a pop.



We will have 50/50 raffle and
raffle Baskets

*Come out to join in the fun and help us raise
funds for the Arc Downriver Sports Program.*

If you have a party of 4 or more, please call or email the Arc Downriver office at (734) 283-0710 or arcriver@sbcglobal.net so that we can accommodate you. You can also message us on the ArcDownriverOFFICIAL Facebook page. **Please let us know by Wednesday, September 16. Thank you.**



Art at the Arc News

Art at the Arc is a therapeutic acrylic painting class. Each monthly session takes place from (5:30-7:00 pm) at the Arkay Building. It is taught by *Elroy Grandy*, one of Downriver's finest artists.

There is a \$25.00 fee per month.

◆ Artists please note that the first Wednesday of each month begins a new art session. Please pay during class, not at the Arc Downriver office, on or before each session so that we may plan accordingly as classes fill up quickly.

◆ **We are limited to 18 artists at this time.** Please register early each month.

Art at the Arc Class Registration

(Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

\$25 Fee is Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Staff Initials _____

Art at The Arc staff would really appreciate it if all art students pay for their monthly art class fee during Art Class hours not at the office. If for some reason you are unable to do this, and have paid at the Arc Downriver office, please bring your receipt on the evening the class begins so the staff will know that you have paid for that class and can add your name to the list of students. If you can not pay, but would like to participate contact the office (734-283-0710) or tell a staff member.

The Art Class is in need of volunteers to help students during class on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, please call the office at 734-283-0710.



Our Art at The Arc note cards and original acrylic paintings are on sale at Java Junction!

◆ All proceeds go back to the art program. All paintings sold goes directly to the artist.

Check out Java Junction's menu. They have specialty coffee drinks, flavored slushies, sandwiches, treats & more. Stop by and support all the employees that love working at the Java Junction!

Located at 2230 West Road, Trenton, MI 48183

Thank You For Your August Donation:



- ◆ Our Monthly Donators: Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis.
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Council 1802, Wyandotte donated \$900 from their 2025 Tootsie Roll Drive.
- ◆ McMillan Family
- ◆ United way Suncoast
- ◆



**Our Halloween Dance is Saturday, October 25
6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Arkay Building on Eureka Rd.**

***Please RSVP by calling the office 734-283-0710
or emailing the office at arcriver@sbcglobal.net.
& let us know you will be attending.***

If you would like to purchase pizza, there will be a \$2.00 fee at the door. You can bring your own pop, water or coffee to the dance. Bottled water will be available.

You **MUST** be a member to attend. Your friends **MUST** also be a member to attend. We welcome their support of the Arc Downriver.

If your membership has expired, please contact the office or go to our website at downriverarc.org to fill out the form and pay on line. Thank you.

If you haven't already done so, please fill out a new emergency card and a new Consumer Policy Form. There will be copies at the door.

Please Help the Arc Downriver Achieve for the Future!

To help us reduce expenses and meet our Organization's mission we are in need of the items listed below. Should you have any of these items that are new and would like to donate them to our organization, please drop off at the Arc Downriver at 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 or contact the office at (734) 283-0710. With your donation and continued support of any item on this list, you are helping us fulfill our mission of providing programs, services and advocacy for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities:

Items for Fundraising and Programs:

Fundraising is our main source of income for our organization. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

- Restaurant Gift Cards, Shopping Gift Cards, etc.
- Tickets to Sporting Events
- Tickets to Entertainment/Cultural Events
- Gift Certificates for Spa's, Hotels, Restaurants
- Sports Memorabilia
- Monetary Donation (cash, check or on our website at www.downriverarc.org)
- Car Wash Tickets

Sports and Activity Programs:

- Pizza Companies Gift Cards or donation of free pizza
- Bottled Water
- Snacks

Hygiene Closet at the Arc Downriver Office:

- Tooth Brushes
- Toothpaste
- New Combs and Brushes
- Shampoo/Conditioner (men & women)
- Soap & Body Washes (men & women)
- Deodorant (men & women)
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Hand Sanitizer
- Adult Underwear (men & women sizes large and up)
- Socks (men and women)



Coaches Needed:

- Assistant Coaches/Volunteers needed and necessary!
- Basketball: Skills Coach needed for 2025- 2026 Season
- Soccer Coaches needed for 2026 Season
- See Brenda Zeqiri for more information on the needs for the Sports Program. You can reach her at 313-402-5621 if you have further questions.

September 2025

PLEASE NOTE: Photos and/or video may be taken at all of the Arc Downriver sponsored events (sports, art, etc.). These images may be used in print and/or electronic media. If you would prefer that your image NOT be used, please contact the Arc Downriver office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office Closed	2	3 Art at the Arc Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00 pm Office Open 2-5 pm	4	5 Fall Bowling 2:30 - 4 pm Indian Lanes Office Closed	6 Fun Bocce 9 - 11 am Cycling 10 am Oakwood Metro Park Nature Center Parking lot
7	8 Golf Practice 6:00 pm Riverview Highlands Office Closed	9 Soccer 6:00 pm Practice at West Middle School Office Closed	10 Art at the Arc Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00 pm Office Closed	11	12 Fall Bowling 2:30 - 4 pm Indian Lanes Office Closed	13 Fun Bocce 9 - 11 am Cycling 10 am Oakwood Metro Park Music Bingo Fundraiser Knights of Columbus 5 - 7 pm
14	15 Poly Hockey Try out/ Meeting 7 - 8 pm at West Middle School	16 Soccer 6:00 pm Practice at West Middle School	17 Art at the Arc Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00 pm	18	19 Fall Bowling 2:30 - 4 pm Indian Lanes Office Closed	20 Fun Bocce 9 - 11 am Cycling 10am Oakwood Metro Park Monthly Dance Arkay Building 6-8 pm
21 Bowling Fundraiser at Indian Lanes 1 - 4 pm Registration starts at 12:30 pm	22 Golf Practice 6:00 pm Riverview Highlands Poly Hockey 7-8 pm at West Middle School	23 Soccer 6:00 pm Practice at West Middle School	24 Art at the Arc Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00 pm Office Open 2- 5 pm	25	26 Golf State Games at Eagle Crest Golf Course Office Closed	27 Fun Bocce 9 - 11 am Cycling State Games at Chrysler's Chelsea Proving Ground Soccer State Games at Independence Park
28	29 Poly Hockey 7-8 pm at West Middle School	30			1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 283-0710 arcriver@sbcglobal.net PLEASE CALL TO THE OFFICE BEFORE ARRIVING TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE TO ASSIST YOU. Thank you!	

***Participants in Art at the Arc and the dances *MUST* be current Arc Downriver members, have a signed Consumer Activity Policy on file, and have a current Emergency Card on file. If you have not updated your Emergency Card lately, renewed your membership or signed the new Consumer Activity Policy, please see the staff.**

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A Friendly Reminder: It's Time to Renew!
Please help the Arc Downriver continue it's mission.
WE NEED YOU!

Please note that being a member of another Arc does not mean you are a member of the Arc Downriver. Your updated Membership is required and must be up to date to be able to participate in the following: Dances, Sports Programs, Arc Downriver events, Art at the Arc or to receive your requested mailed newsletter.

Timothy	Barclay	9/30/2025
Patricia	Barrett	7/30/2025
Katy	Bentley/Hagen	6/30/2025
Robert	Bergum	7/31/2025
Jeffrey	Bertolino	8/31/2025
Ray	Bice	9/30/2025
Kelly	Bonifas	9/30/2025
Bridget	Connors	8/31/2025
Jennifer	Cowan	10/31/2025
Ted	Cullinan	9/30/2025
Melanie	Davis	9/30/2025
John	Decker	9/30/2025
Ashley	DeLaRosa	8/31/2025
Amy	Douglass	10/31/2025
Kelly	Elmore	10/31/2025
Terry	Frodyma-Griffith	10/31/2025
Cameron	Galindo	10/31/2025
Lisa	Garner-Bloom	9/30/2025
Caitlyn	Gibbs	8/30/2025
Sophia	Goniwika	9/30/2025
Andrew	Hardy	10/31/2025
Drew	Holewinski	9/30/2025
Cheyenne	Horton	8/31/2025
Angela	Katovich	7/30/2025
Elijah	McMillin	9/30/2025
Lesslie	Mercado	5/31/2025
Maria	Meza	10/31/2025
Amanda	Michalik	10/31/2025
Tom	Moody	9/30/2025
Angie	Palazzolo	9/30/2025
Colleen	Paul	10/30/2025
Tamra	Perkins	9/30/2025
Joseph	Piasecki	8/31/2025
Ryan	Pluchino	5/31/2025
John	Prater	10/31/2025
Scott	Reed	10/31/2025

Please renew your membership and support the many programs and services offered by The Arc Downriver! Fill out the membership form in the newsletter and drop it off, mail it or email to The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. You can also

Jeffrey	Rose	8/31/2025
Stacey	Ross (Ferree)	9/30/2025
Adam	Schaufler	9/30/2025
Erica	Sonnenberg	8/31/2025
Ethan	Spade	4/30/2025
Kyle	Springstead	8/31/2025
Bryan	Taylor	8/31/2025
Frank	Vargo	9/30/2025
Kelly	Walsh Heier	10/31/2025
Jenny	Ward	6/30/2025
Thomas	Wendl, Jr.	9/30/2025
Justin	Wicker	9/30/2025
Jacquelyn	Williams	8/31/2025
David	Wood	9/30/2025
Steven	Wright	10/31/2025
Stephan	Wright	10/31/2025
Brenda	Yates	8/31/2025
Dawn	Zagorski	8/31/2025



If you see your name and have already updated your membership, or wish to be removed from the list please contact the office at 734-283-0710. *Thank you!*



We could use another voice...yours. Please decide to help others. Join the Arc movement.

____NEW MEMBERSHIP OR ____RENEWAL APPLICATION

Type of Membership (check one): ____Individual ____Family ____Group Home

INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP — Please fill out this section

First Name(s) _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Participant's Name _____ Participant's Birthdate _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please check one of the following boxes:

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Self-Advocate

☐

Professional in the Field of Developmental Disabilities

☐

Self-Determination Home

☐

Parent/Relative of Person with Developmental Disabilities

GROUP HOMES — Please fill out this section.

Group Home Name _____ Phone Number _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Group Home Manager _____ Number of Residents _____

Please list the group home residents below along with their birthday. Use an additional page if needed.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

\$ _____ Membership Fee (\$30 for individual, family, or group home) – **non-refundable**

\$ _____ Additional Donation

\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

Arc Downriver
1028 Oak Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192



The Advocates at The Arc Downriver would really like to offer presentations and trainings to self-advocates, family members, education staff, agency staff and community members, but we simply do not have the funds to do so. The trainings/presentations would be on topics that relate to education (IEPs, suspensions, behavior interventions, etc.), independent living (how to obtain housing, recreation, access community supports, etc.), health issues (CPR Training, seizure training, etc.) and more!

Lori and Linda would *love* to be able to share some of their knowledge, answer your questions and provide support. ***Please consider donating!*** If you would like to support this endeavor through a donation, please write **for ADVOCACY Trainings** in the memo line of your check and mail it to: The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. *Thank You!*



KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE ARC DOWNRIVER

The Arc Downriver is enrolled in the Community Rewards Program at Kroger. You can enroll using your Kroger Plus card following the steps below: If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, stop by the customer service desk at Kroger to get one before proceeding with the enrollment process.

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on Sign In/Register and click on Sign Up Today in the New Customer box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address, creating a password, and agreeing to the terms and conditions.

- You will get a message to check your email account. Click on the link in the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter the NSP number for The Arc Downriver (**EL661**), select organization from the list, and click on to confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

REMEMBER:

- Purchases will not count for The Arc Downriver until you register your card.
- If you lost your Kroger Plus card and just use your phone number when checking out in the store, please call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- You must swipe your Kroger Plus card or use the phone number associated to that card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Arc Downriver Basketball 2025 - 2026

- Practice dates **will begin in December**
- Athletes will be notified for the specific day and time.
- Same location as last year.
- We **MUST** have your contact information for notifications.



ATTENTION ATHLETES:

- You **MUST** return your permission slips to the Arc Downriver office no later than **Monday, September 8th** to be able to participate in basketball. (**OLD ROSTERS WILL NOT BE USED! Just because you played basketball in the past does not mean you will automatically be placed on a team. You MUST turn in sign-up sheet!**)
- All Athletes **MUST** sign up with the Arc Downriver office or will not be able to participate in any sport!
- **Must** be a current Arc Downriver Member.
- **Must** have a signed Special Olympics Athlete Release Form and a current Special Olympics Athlete Medical Form (physical) on file in The Arc Downriver Office. The physical cannot expire before the end of the season (March 31, 2026). If the current physical expires before that date, a new physical must be submitted prior to the start. **Athletes will not be able to participate if your physical expires before the end of the season.**
- **Must** be 14 years or older to participate.
- **Must** wear appropriate clothing.

Please turn in your sign-up sheets to The Arc Downriver Office by Monday, September 8, 2025.

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Basketball 2025-2026 Sign-Up Sheet

Name of Athlete: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Cell Number: _____ Shirt Size _____

Email: _____

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the 2025 – 2026 basketball season. I understand that my son/daughter must have a **current** Special Olympic Application for Participation physical form **on file in The Arc Downriver office.**

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Please drop off, mail or email: arcriver@sbcglobal.net to the Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192 by Monday, September 8, 2025.

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United Way
Community Services

Sports News & Mark Your Calendar:

- Bowling Fundraiser at Indian Lanes on November 9th

State Games

- **Poly Hockey:** Friday, November 7 at 867 South Blvd E., Pontiac, MI 48327

